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February 17 2010 Meeting Minutes

Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes – Final February 17, 2010

Present: Vita Cohen, Vice Chair Stacy Davison, Nick Minton, Judson Pierce, Nancy Rhoads, Chair, Marlene Schultz, Bill Shea, Nancy Sweeney

Absent: Sheri Baron, Marlissa Briggett, Christine Carney, Jorge Loayza

Open Forum – no guests this evening

Review of January Minutes – Minutes accepted with two abstentions

Incidents and Complaints –

A motion was made to not discuss a civil matter that was brought to the attention of the commission through a web site.

For informational purposes the Chair read a letter that was forwarded to the Commission regarding a housing lottery matter. The letter will be placed on file.

Stand Against Racism Update

Chair Jill Lewis was pleased with the attendance and representation at the first meeting on February 3rd. The follow up meeting will be February 24th at the Senior Center.

Subcommittee Reports –

Dialogues

The Fine Line Between Church and State Dialogue review – Chair Rhoads expressed gratitude to Commissioners Pierce and Sweeney for arranging the February 9th Dialogue at the Senior Center. Town Moderator, John Leone and Tim Wilton, Constitutional Law Professor at Suffolk University discussed a few case examples brought before the courts and explained the fragility of the justice system.

Dating Violence – Chair Rhoads is working on the plans for this dialogue to be held the first week of April. She suggested locations and those that might be involved with the program. A motion to allot \$500 for expenses was made and accepted for expenses that may be incurred. Details to follow at next meeting.

Schools – Chair Rhoads reported that Lt. Bongiorno will work with us at the school council meetings and again suggested that we all use the same talking points. An educational script of HRC information will be compiled and followed as a guideline that is mutually beneficial to those who will be attending these meetings.

Bullying – there was discussion and suggestions offered on how to move forward with this issue. Commissioner Schulz will investigate some leads and Commissioner Shea will work on the program and guidelines.

Policies and Procedures – Final draft of the Policies and Procedures regarding the sale of items by outsiders as AHRC events and meetings is forthcoming and will be added to the AHRC bylaws.

Rapid Response/Publicity – no report

Other Business –

Welcome packet will be delivered to our new Commissioner, Gary Horowitz

Motion to adjourn was made and approved.

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